Docket No. 241693US3CONT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Goro KATSUYAMA

GAU: Unassigned

SERIAL NO: New Application

EXAMINER: Unassigned

FILED: Herewith

FOR: TONER CONTAINER AND TONER REPLENISHING DEVICE USING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

■ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/157,881, filed May 31, 2002, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**: **Application No.** **Date Filed**

■ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	MONTH/DAY/YEAR
Japan	2001-166684	June 1, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

■ were filed in prior application Serial No. 10/157,881 filed May 31, 2002

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
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